

Twelve Mile, Ind.

Yesterday was our regular appointment at Loree, Ind., and the good Sisters' Society presented us with a nice bed comfort that alwas comes good to the preacher. It is a good thing that some one looks after the comfort of the preacher. We are on our third year with the brethren at this place and our relation in the work as pastor and people has been very satisfactory with me and I trust with them. They are a good class of people. May the Lord ever bless them in their earnest labor. We had no accessions at our protracted meeting there on account of sickness, cold weather, rain and mud. There was hardly a family in the neighborhood but some one of the family was sick, yet we hope that good seed was sown and that we shall reap in due season if we faint not. Pray for us.

D. A. HOPKINS.

Syracuse, Ind.

We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at this place, with five accessions, and the class wonderfully built up. This is the church that A. T. Wirick deserted. He thought he saw a wolf coming and made his way into the U. B. church. He first tried to coax the little flock with him but they would not. Then he tried to make them believe they would be devoured by the beast, but this could not be done for they believed in Jesus Christ and in keeping his commandments, as He himself taught his disciples. There are seven denominations in this town, and we have strong opposition but thanks be to God we had a victory.

I have been in revival work seventy-one nights this winter, and have seen eighty-one come into the Brethren church. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

C. H. MARKS.

To the Congregations of Kanemorado Conference

Dear Brethren:—We should soon know where to hold our next conference. We would therefore kindly solicit the churches desiring the same to be held with them this year to inform me as soon as possible. We will then be able to locate and set the time for holding the same. Let us begin early and have a good time.

C. FORNEY, Pres.

News from the Field

On the evening of Feb. 21, I began a series of meetings in the town of Portis, Osborn Co., Kans. Brother A. J. Hixson, our district evangelist, arrived a few days ago to join us in the good work. This of course gave me the opportunity to listen to Brother Hixson most of the time, which was a great comfort. It is needless to say, our brother is an able and fearless expounder of the truth as all who hear him will soon be convinced of the same.

Our brethren at Portis have erected a fine commodious structure; unpretentious, tasty, church building, such as would be a credit to any people. I remained with them until

after the love feast, Monday evening, March 6, which was a glorious feast indeed. In fact all the services were a real feast, especially to the members. The time for dedication was set for Sunday, March 5, but on account of the storm on Saturday night previous it was deferred until Sunday, the 12th. I much desired to be with them at the dedication, but owing to circumstances and my home work I felt it was best for me to return home. I pray that God may abundantly bless the work at Portis.

C. FORNEY.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Some time has elapsed since the readers of the EVANGELIST have heard from the Smokey city and I am sure it is not because there are not enough who are fully competent to pen a few lines almost every week and tell what glorious things the Lord is doing for us as a church, families and individuals. Some have been reclaimed, others saved and many seeking for the true light which can only be found in our dear Lord. May our pastor continue to help them until they have found him to the saving of their souls. While our church is nothing more than a mission with no place to look for help from those who could give financial aid, we have always been able to pay our pastor and current expenses and help other sister churches with what little could be spared. God has never forsaken us and we trust him still, knowing that if we do our part, he will never leave nor forsake us. When I started our Bible school, people said, how foolish you are, you will never organize, and if you do you will be out of existence in a few months. Well we organized just the same, and running still. Nine years have come and gone and so have those who prophesied against us. When Brother McFaden landed, a man said, what have you that preacher here for? I promptly replied, to organize a Brethren church. We organized just the same, and that man's church has disbanded, gone to nothing, once a prosperous church, and this is only one instance of how the Lord will stand by those who strive to do his will. We have had many things to discourage and cause disbandment, but it only brought us nearer to the image of Christ and taught us how to sacrifice and live a more consecrated life to his service. The church today is prospering under Brother Darling's pastorate, and we don't have any fear for the future. It is when pastor and people work together that sinners are saved and the church strengthened. Our Bible school is doing fine, good attendance, and all are being benefited, and God's word taught to the young, who are growing up, and when the time comes for them to give their hearts to God, nothing short of the Brethren church and her peculiar doctrines will suit them. They will have the whole of God's word or none. Our Young People's society is small in numbers, but we are having very interesting meetings. Our prayer meeting is well attended and it does my soul good to hear some of the earnest

prayers and testimonies from men and women who try to live as they pray. Thursday evening will be another glorious hour for those who believe in the ordinances of his house. How sacred is the hour around his earthly board, when we look to Calvary and see the love of God.

D. J. BOLE.

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The Death of Mary J. Brooks

Mary J. Brooks was born February 14, 1818, and died March 12, 1899, aged 81 years and 28 days. Mother Brooks was a half sister to our well known and beloved brother, P. J. Brown, of Congress, Ohio, and at whose request on arriving at Mason-town, I was directed to her house in Union-town, this county. The deceased was left parentless when a child six or seven, and was separated from her brother, P. J., about the same time and did not meet him until many years after at the Fairview G. B. church and where we are told they were introduced by some one. Their family circle was small, yet it bore the strains of separation, but happily it was welded again at this place. Mother Brook was married about 1836 and to her were born twelve children, four of which survive her, viz.: William, Elmer, Philip and Sarah. About the same time she united with the German Baptists, but in 1882 cast her lot with the Brethren in the arms of which she died.

We frequently visited at her bedside and she expressed her devotion with much zeal, having once met her Savior she loved him to the last. She was a sufferer for many years, and a close student of the Bible knowing in her weakness she was made strong, and saying with Paul, II Cor. 12:9, "For my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me." At the time of her death she lived with her son Philip, near McClellantown, this county, and was buried in the Lackey cemetery, a few rods from the place of her death. Funeral services at the house.

The news of her death no doubt brings grief to many a heart in the brotherhood, owing to her long service for the Master. Our sympathy rests with the children who have lost a mother, and the brother who is left alone. Her life was so positive that we desired to speak for others from the text, "Prepare to meet thy God."

P. M. SWINEHART.

Johnstown, Pa., Love Feast

The Brethren of the Somerset Street church, Johnstown, Pa., will hold love feast and communion services April 16, 1899, beginning at about 7 p. m. Neighboring congregations and all isolated brethren are invited to participate.

E. E. HASKINS, Pastor.

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